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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the West and South, unchanged in the Midwest and East. Trade sentiment was overall steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good following weekend snow storms in the East and Midwest which also hampered buying interest, production, and transportation. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was at least moderate. Availability of all items was balanced to closely cleared, but tight for breast items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 24-JAN-2005 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Boston/New Eng	68.00-74.00	70.78	18	70.65
Chicago	63.00-66.00	67.04	39	67.76
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			69.16
Denver	79.50	79.50	14	79.06
Detroit	65.00-68.00	68.73	11	69.15
Los Angeles	80.00	79.15	62	74.49
New York	69.00-72.00	71.58	24	70.99
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.27	11	68.25
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	70.64	11	71.26
St. Louis	66.00-66.25	66.00	20	66.28
San Francisco	80.50	80.50	35	79.11

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	01/24/05	Change/Last Wk	01/17/05	01/26/04
614	71.64	-.41	72.05	72.54

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	69.00-71.00	70.24	33
Central	61.00-72.25	69.05	76
Western	63.00-72.00	71.23	38

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	72.00-75.00	73.19	91
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,135	63.00-75.50	72.57

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	163.50	1,484
BREASTS - B/S	151.50	5,964
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.00	1,529
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.50	1,066
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,729
WINGS	121.50	3,041

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair as hazardous weather conditions hampered most of the Northeast over the weekend. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged fair to good. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance. Breast items were close balance to short. Thighs, boneless thighs and drums were well cleared. Leg and leg quarters were adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, best for fast food and retail ads. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Breast items were tight and being sought, dark meat was balanced to well cleared, and wings were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were 1 cent higher than last week's levels throughout the region. Trading reported on regular commitments and new negotiations, for this week's delivery, at higher to instances unchanged prices. Offerings were in fairly good balance. Buying activity was moderate to fairly good. Retailer demand was fairly good to cover planned feature activities, otherwise moderate at best. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was firm on breast with balance of parts fully steady overall. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters 30.5-32 bulk and 4/10s 32-36, boneless leg meat 75-83, boneless thigh meat 90, breast bone-in 88-97 and boneless 140-151, wings 124-126. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 64.38 down .10 with the volume reported at 28 loads up 4 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices generally unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone was steady to fully steady on whole broiler/fryers. Offerings were light with little additional interest. Retail sales were moderate to good after a heavy weekend snowstorm in several areas. Food service demand slow to moderate, instances good into fast food. Floor stocks were mixed, closely balanced to long; weights desirable. Part supplies were in a full range of fully adequate to tight. Trade sentiment was fully steady on dark meat cuts and fully steady to firm on the white meat items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light due in part to the winter weather conditions. Offerings were balanced to adequate for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were usually desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 85 cents. In the parts complex, breast items and whole legs remained short of full trade needs. Balance of items were in good balance to closely cleared.

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	69-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.58
NO. OF BOXES	10,976

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was at least moderate entering the week as dealers assess market conditions. Supplies of breast items were in tight balance. Wings were generally sufficient. Boneless thighs, thighs and drums were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Inclement weather conditions over the weekend hampered much of the Northeast and caused some production and transportation concerns. Movement through retail channels was good. Distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm to higher on breast items; fully steady to firm on boneless thighs. Balance of items were steady to at least steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
			AVG	LBS
BREAST - B/S		160	146.46	812,541
TENDERLOINS		120	117.09	164,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83		87.86	94,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	82		83.69	129,840
LEGS	43-44		41.63	313,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30		29.30	245,206
DRUMSTICKS	29-30		34.73	118,680
THIGHS	34-35		42.32	67,640
B/S THIGHS	92-93		87.85	69,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116		120.44	173,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.99	30,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		27.74	17,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		64.23	22,880

INCLUDES: NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,324	123.00-187.00	130-143	141.34
TENDERLOINS	183	107.00-187.00	110-120	112.89
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	342	25.00-29.00	25-26	26.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,936	27.00-30.00	27-29	27.54
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,457	31.00-34.00	33-34	32.98

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	01/24	01/20	01/20	01/17	01/13
Alabama	4,122	4,050	5.16	(A)	5.19
Arkansas	5,401	5,079	4.98	(A)	5.02
Delmarva	1,979	2,158	5.58	(A)	5.53
KY-LA-TN	2,180	2,140	5.03	(A)	5.09
Mississippi	2,890	3,006	5.59	(A)	5.57
North Carolina	2,375	2,330	6.55	(A)	6.45
Texas	2,432	2,476	5.36	(A)	5.19
Total	21,379	21,239	5.38	14,753	5.37
Mon	21,379(B)			14,753(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Jan 2005 is estimated to be 31,985,000 up 44.48 percent from a week ago. and up 15.0 percent from a year ago. (last week 22,138,000 last year 27,805,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	682	147.00-220.00	150-155	156.82
TENDERLOINS	218	112.00-170.00	121-125	121.74
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	77.00-90.00	80-82	81.29
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	73	36.00-49.00	36-37	37.97
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	511	26.00-30.00	27-28	27.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	995	27.00-35.00	29-30	29.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	117.00-122.00	120-122	120.12
WINGS (CUT)	840	135.00-140.00	135-138	136.36
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR JAN 24, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.50 - 52.50	49.51	48.26

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 24-28-JAN-2005

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	136.00 - 164.00	145.00 - 158.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	77.50 - 104.00	82.00 - 93.00
LEGS	39.00 - 59.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27.00 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	33.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	114.00 - 131.00	118.00 - 122.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 65.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86-98
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89.5-101.5
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-71
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

##### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 103-105
	DRY PACK 103-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	175-192

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

JANUARY 21, 2005  
**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.50	18.50-22.00	540,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	20.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-22.00	13.75-20.00	2,466,000	1,146,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.67	15.58		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	13.25-17.50	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.31		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

JANUARY 21, 2005  
**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-17.75	11.50-18.00	2,901,600	1,327,200
WTD AVERAGE	16.17	14.21		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.50	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.50		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as less than normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient for trade needs and well cleared. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25	11-13	11.68
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for reduced but adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were less than normal. Finished sales were clearing available production. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15	10.5-12	11.50

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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